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THE BOROUGH OF LOSTWITHIEL

IN THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Lostwithiel.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough of Lostwithiel for the year ended 31st December 1965.

It is a pleasure to record that the birth rate has risen appreciably and is near the National birth rate, while the death rate was lower than the figure for England and Wales. Once again a nil infantile mortality rate for the Borough reflects great credit on the parents and all the agencies involved in the care of young children.

Mr Setchell as usual has contributed considerable parts of the report and I must once again place on record his unfailing co-operation.

The constant interest of the Health Committee has been a source of much pleasure to me and I should like to thank them for this and their courtesy.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. McGOVERN

Medical Officer of Health.

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Area (in acres)	3156
Population (estimated mid-year	1910
Number of Inhabited Houses	880
Rateable Value	£47,086
Produce of a Penny Rate	£180

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	18	10	30
Illegitimate		2	

	Lostwithiel	England and Wales
Birth Rate per 1000 population	18.5	18
Illegitimate Births per cent of Total live Births	6.67	7

Stillbirths

Legitimate	Male 1	Female	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil		Nil

Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births	32.26	15

Total Live and Still Births Male 19 Female 12 Total 31

Infant Deaths (Under 1 year)

Male Nil Female Nil

Rate per 1000 Live Births	Nil	19
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Under 4 weeks)	Nil	13
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1000 Live & Still Births)	32.26	26

Maternal Mortality - Nil

Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births	Nil	0

Deaths	Male	Female	Total
All Ages and Causes	11	17	28

Death Rate (per 1000 Population)	14.66	
Corrected for comparison with other areas	10.26	11

CAUSE OF DEATHS

The following table gives the causes of death in accordance with the International Abbreviated List (1948).

		Males	Females
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3	Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4	Diptheria	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-
6	Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8	Measles	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	1	2
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	2
16	Diabetes	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	1
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	2	4
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
20	Other heart disease	4	3
21	Other Circulatory disease	-	-
22	Influenza	-	-
23	Pneumonia	-	-
24	Bronchitis	-	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26	Ulcers of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	2
33	Motor vehicles accidents	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	1
35	Suicide	1	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	Totals:	11	17

The following short table gives the numbers of those dying in the age groups indicated :-

Age Groups	Males	Females
Under 1 year	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	1
15 - 24 "	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-
45 - 54 "	1	-
55 - 64 "	1	2
65 - 74 "	2	4
75 years and over	7	10
Total :	11	17

SECTION A

Lostwithiel is a quiet country town set in pleasant surroundings in the valley of the Fowey River. The Town has many historic associations and has some very well preserved buildings. The only industry of any consequence is the milk depot.

There is considerable rise in the population during the summer months caused by the influx of visitors.

SECTION B

General Provisions of the Health Service

Public Health Officers :

(1) Medical Officer of Health: J.McGovern, M.B.Ch.B. D.P.H.
Area Health Office,
Moorland Road, St Austell
Telephone St Austell 2206.

(2) Public Health Inspector: C.A.L.Setchell, A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.H

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory, Royal Cornwall Hospital (City) Truro, provides a bacteriological service for all aspects of Public Health work.

Services

Although there are no clinics in the Borough a variety of readily accessible treatment can be obtained at the clinic premises attached to the Area Health Office, St Austell A list of these clinics will be appended. A nurse/midwife/ Health visitor resides in the town and provides home nursing and domiciliary midwifery services in co-operation with the family Doctor service. Home helps can be arranged through the Area Health Office and a Voluntary home help organiser resides locally.

Prophylactics can be obtained from the Area Health Office.

The Family Planning Association holds regular clinics at St Austell which cater for the surrounding districts.

Clinics Held at the Area Health Office, St Austell

Orthopaedic	Every Tuesday morning
Dental	Daily
Opthalmic	Every Tuesday by appointment
E.N.T.	By arrangement
Psychiatric	Every Monday morning
Child Guidance	Monday afternoons except 2nd Monday, 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings, Every Thursday afternoon.
Speech Therapy	As required
Family Planning	2nd Monday each month 2.30-4.00 p.m. 2nd, 3rd,& 4th Fridays 6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Cervical Cytology	By appointment system.

The above list does not include those clinics which are purely local to St. Austell.

It may be pertinent to include two clinics, one of which functioned at the Health Area Office until the opening of the Maternity Hospital in St Austell in the latter part of 1964, and the other held at the St Austell District Hospital and having the services of a Cornwall County Council Health Visitor, to provide the contact between Hospital Chest Consultant and the home background.

Ante-natal Clinic	St Austell Maternity Hospital, Wednesday mornings.
Tuberculosis	St Austell District Hospital, Monday afternoons. (Health Visitor attends).

Hospitals

Since there are no hospitals within the town of Lostwithiel patients receive treatment at hospitals in the surrounding towns of St Austell, Bodmin, Fowey, Truro and Redruth. Infectious diseases are treated at the Isolation Hospital (St Clement's Hospital), Truro.

SECTION C

Water Supply

The Borough water supply from the Fowey River Scheme was tested regularly with unvarying satisfactory results. This supply as well as being bacteriologically good is of good chemical quality. A new Water Board was in the process of formation during 1965 and from April 1966 water will be supplied by the new North and Mid Cornwall Water Board.

Sewerage

It is to be hoped that the sewerage scheme at present contemplated will soon become a physical reality.

SECTION D

Housing

Informal notices and interview with owners secured necessary repairs in 32 instances.

Housing Improvements

Not enough use is being made by property owners of the provisions and assistance available by way of Improvement Grants. During the year 15 applications for Standard Grants were made and approved.

Housing - for year ended 31st December 1965
Lostwithiel Borough

1 (a) Total number of permanent houses at 31 December 1965	880
(b) Total number of permanent houses owned by Local Authority at 31st December 1965	115
2 (a) New houses erected :-	
(i) by local authority	Nil
(ii) by private enterprise	8
(b) Number of applicants on housing list at the end of the year	46
3 Number of houses specially provided for, and occupied by, people of pensionable age	11
(a) Receiving contributions from County Council for Welfare Services	11
(b) Other houses	1
4 Houses demolished :	
(a) in clearance areas :	
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1947	Nil
(b) Not in clearance areas :	
(i) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17(1) Housing Act 1957	Nil
(ii) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil
(iii) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	Nil
(iv) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders	Nil

5 Unfit houses closed :

(a) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil
(c) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957	Nil

6 Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were rem died :

	By Owner:	By Local Authority
(a) After informal action by local Authority	32	Nil
(b) After formal notice under :-		
(i) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
(ii) Section 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil

7 Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957):

(a) Retained for temporary accommodation :	
(i) Under Section 48	Nil
(ii) Under Section 17 (2)	Nil
(iii) Under Section 46	Nil
(b) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil

8 Purchase of houses by agreement :

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance order or compulsary purchase orders, purchased during the year	Nil

9 Housing Acts 1949-1959

Improvement Grants :

(a) Discretionary :	
Number of applications received - dwellings	1
Number of applications approved - dwellings	1
Total expenditure approved	£580
Total amount of grants made	£290
(b) Standard :	
Number of applications received - dwellings	15
Number of applications approved - dwellings	15
Total expenditure approved	£3909
Total amount of grants made	£1626

SECTION E

Meat and Other Foods

Early in 1963 the only licensed slaughterhouse in the Town was disposed of, and all home killed meat is supplied to butchers in the Borough from abbatoirs in nearby towns.

Other Foods

Tinned and other goods are inspected upon request from retailers, and are properly dealt with - small quantities are condemned from time to time as a result of decomposition or damaged tins.

Milk

Periodic visits are made to the three milk retailers in the Town whose premises are quite satisfactory - bottled milk only being sold as it is received from the bottling establishment.

Cafes, Restaurants and Food Catering Premises

Visits of inspection are regularly made to all food preparing premises and in general the standard of the cleanliness is satisfactory.

SECTION F

Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases

The following notifications were received :-

Disease	Number of cases during 1965
Acute Pneumonia	2
Measles	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

Immunisation

Triple (Diphtheria,Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961-58	1957-50	Total
Primary	11	11	3				25
Diptheria and Tetanus							
Primary					2		[illegible]
Booster					18	41	59

Smallpox Vaccination

17 Primary Vaccinations were carried out and

4 Revaccinations performed.

SECTION F (continued)

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

Poliomyelitis vaccine is available. Needless to say the oral vaccine has replaced the Salk vaccine. This, however, is an advantage since the oral vaccine gives a very high degree of protection.

Tuberculosis

The number of cases on the register at 31st December 1965.

	Male	Female
Pulmonary	3	4
Non-Pulmonary	Nil	1

There were no deaths from tuberculosis.

Prevention of Spread of Tuberculosis

In order to prevent the spread of the disease, cases are visited regularly in order to ascertain that treatment is being followed, contacts are kept under observation and examined at regular intervals. B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis has been carried out in this county amoung school children of a selected age group. The age group in 1965 was the 11 year old group. In Area IV 611 children received a preliminary test and 500 children, shewing a negative reaction, were vaccinated. Most of the children displaying a positive reaction to the test had had previous B.C.G. vaccination.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1 Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	(No. on Register	(Inspections	(Written Notices	(Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	16	Nil	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	5	9	Nil	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	-	-	-
Total	23	25	Nil	Nil

2 Cases in which defects were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, thre or more "cases").

Number of cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred TO H.M. Inspector	Referred BY H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	2
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work).	Nil	Nil	-	-
Total	2	2	Nil	2

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork - (Sections 110 and 111)

	Section 110				Section 111	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing) apparel) Making etc. cleaning and washing	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A - Registrations and General Inspections:

Key: (1) Class of premises
(2) Number of premises registered during the year
(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year
(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices :	Nil	7	4
Retail Shops :	4	20	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses:	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens :	2	8	6
Fuel storage depots:	Nil	Nil	Nil

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises 26

TABLE C - Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

(1) Class of workplace:	(2) Number of persons employed
Offices :	25
Retail shops :	48
Wholesale departments, warehouses :	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public:	24
Canteens :	1
Fuel Storage Depots :	Nil
Total:	98

Total Males, 45 - Total females 53

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

Part I	-	Space (Sec.5(2) ..	NIL
" II	-	Temperature (Sec.6) ..	NIL
" III	-	Sanitary Conveniences (Sec.9)..	NIL
" IV	-	Washing Facilities (Sec.10) ..	NIL

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS NIL

Number of complaints (or summary applications made under Section 22 ..	NIL
Number of interim orders granted ..	NIL

TABLE F - INSPECTORS

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	1
Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act.	NIL